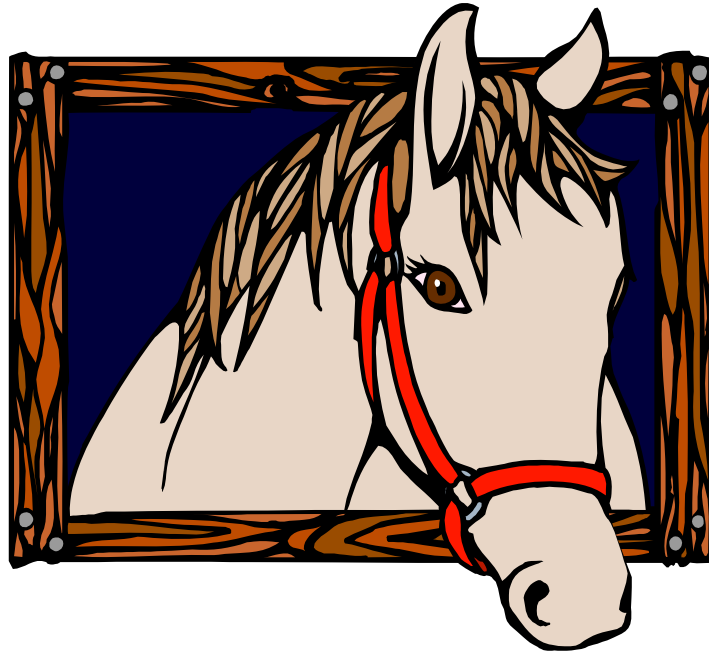


# **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT RULEBOOK**



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL 4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS**

ANY EQUINE ACTIVITY CAN BE DANGEROUS!  
SEVERE INJURY IS POSSIBLE.  
PLEASE THINK SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.  
EQUINE SAFETY HELMETS MUST BE WORN BY ALL PARTICIPANTS  
AT ALL TIMES. HELMETS MUST MEET ASTM/SEI STANDARDS AND  
BE SECURED BY A CHIN STRAP.

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## **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. **GENERAL RULES** – The Rules and Regulations of the Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Project are in addition to all County Fair, State Fair, and Horse Classic rules. These rules are not meant to be a substitute for the rules governing any aforementioned fairs or event. Each 4-H member is responsible for knowing the specific rules of the show or event which he or she has entered.
  - a. Only those 4-H members 9 years of age or in the Fourth grade OR older, according to University of California Cooperative Extension (State 4-H) rules, may be in the Horse Project
  - b. Project year is from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - c. Each member must keep a 4-H Record Book on all identified project horse(s), attend required 4-H club meetings, and actively participate in the local club programs.
  - d. Project Record Books must be available for review by the County Horse Resource Leader at all qualifying horse events.
  - e. 4-H members and leaders must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet at all times when mounted at any 4-H sponsored event.
  - f. All 4-H members/leaders must wear boots at all times when handling or riding any horse. Rubber boots are acceptable for grooming, washing, and cleaning stalls. NO tennis shoes, flip flops, sandals, etc. are allowed.
  - g. When using stalls during any 4-H sponsored event, you will first check with your leader to see if there is a fee and location of assigned stalls. Stalls shall be cleaned daily. Barn aisles must be kept free of any debris.
  - h. There is absolutely NO riding in any barn area or upon any blacktop surfaces.
  - i. Bareback riding allowed during approved classes/times only.
  - j. NO riding double at any time.
  - k. Supervision must be provided by a horse project leader whenever members are mounted or riding horses. Ratio of leaders to members shall be 1 leader to every 8 members mounted.
  - l. Any problems or questions should be directed to your Club Horse Project Leader, then to your Club Community Leader and finally, to the County Horse Resource Leader.
  - m. All dogs must be leashed and in hand or tied at all 4-H sponsored events. In addition, they must be kept off of the rail and no closer than 10 feet from the arena or area where horses are being shown, ridden, groomed or exercised.
  - n. Tied horses shall be monitored at all times.
  - o. Entries in pony classes must be of pony or mixed pony breed, 14-2 hands and under. Ponies are to be shown in pony classes only, except in Horsemanship, Western Riding and Showmanship. Ponies may be measured upon arrival at the event grounds. Miniature horses are not considered ponies.
  - p. NO 4-H members will be allowed in the barn area after 10:00 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or leader.
  
2. **REGISTRATION OF PROJECT HORSE**
  - a. Project horse is a horse that the 4-H member has:
    - i. Filed a Horse ID form with the County Horse Resource Leader by January 1 of current 4-H project year.
    - ii. Complete access to at all times.
    - iii. Is responsible for the care and management of the horse.

- iv. Kept complete records for and turned in record book to their leader or 4-H office by the required deadline to be announced by the club leader.
- v. New members have 30 days after joining to complete paperwork.
- b. Change in designation.  
Members may change their designated project horse(s) up to 120 days prior to the State Qualifying Horse Show by filing a new Horse ID form with the County Horse Resource Leader. After that date, changes in designation of project horse(s) will **not be allowed for any reason**. **NOTE:** It is best to register all horses you might use that meet the requirements for being a project horse.
- c. Sharing a horse(s) by more than one member is permissible for siblings only. They must compete in a different age division or classification. Each member must be actively involved in the management, care, and training of the shared horse(s).
- d. Stallions over 1 year of age are prohibited at 4-H sponsored events.

### 3. STATE QUALIFYING HORSE SHOW

- a. The State Qualifying Horse Show, also known as the Contra Costa County Fair Horse Show, is open to all 4-H members currently enrolled in their club horse project.
- b. Only those horses that have Horse ID forms on file by the specified deadline may be shown by the designated member.
- c. Only one entry per exhibitor per class, except Halter and Gymkhana.
- d. Once entries have been submitted, there will be absolutely no additions.
- e. The Contra Costa County Fair Horse Show is held on two separate days. English, Western, and Gymkhana on one day. Halter, Showmanship, and the Skil-A-Thon on a second day. These days are usually two weeks apart.
- f. The exhibitor must compete, with the same horse, in Showmanship, Horsemanship, and the Skil-A-Thon to be eligible for any Horsemastership award. Exhibitors may compete in only one Horsemastership category/division.
- g. Those competitors placing first in their class(es) may be eligible to compete at the California State Fair Horse Show. According to State Fair rules and classes.
- h. This show will be governed by the **West Coast Horse Show** rule book.
- i. See Contra Costa County Fair Premium Book for complete rules.

### 4. CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

- a. See California State Fair rule book and premium for details. Or visit their website at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org) then click on *Competitions*.

### 5. HORSE SHOWS

- a. **Eligibility** – Exhibitors at 4-H horse shows in Contra Costa County must be:
  - i. Members in good standing in the Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Program.
  - ii. Be at least nine years old by the date set forth at the County Office.
  - iii. Junior Members ages 9 – 13; Senior members ages 14 - 18.
  - iv. *First Step* eligibility is open to those who:
    - 1. See Horseless Horse Project section on page 12
  - v. *First Year* eligibility is open to those who:
    - 1. Have never been in any 4-H Horse Project before except in First Step AND

- 2. Have never shown at any horse show before except in First Step AND
- 3. Own or Lease a horse
- vi. Walk/Jog or Trot is open to those who:
  - 1. Have never loped or cantered at any horse show.

**b. Show Rules and Standards**

- i. Shows will be conducted in accordance with:
  - 1. **West Coast Horse Show Rule Book (English/Western)**
  - 2. **California Gymkhana Association Rule Book (Gymkhana)**
  - 3. **Contra Costa County 4-H Code of Conduct**
- ii. In classes where rail work is preformed, safety is the number one priority. If the number of exhibitors in the class could potentially pose safety issues, based on the size of the arena or experience of exhibitors, show management should consult with the judge and either split the class or require pattern work with cuts made.
- iii. Riders who do not have their mounts under suitable control will be excused from the ring/event. Judges and Ring Officials/Management should interpret this wording to stress safety and courtesy to all riders in the class, and consider a horse being sufficiently out of control at any time the rider is unable to manage the animal in the required class routine after a reasonable corrective action.
- iv. Challenges for alleged rule infractions at a show must be filed in writing with the show manager within 1 hour of alleged infraction and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. All Contra Costa County 4-H Club Horse Project Leaders in attendance will consider the protest, and render a ruling as to its validity, or at their discretion may refer the protest to the Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Project Resource Leader and a quorum of all Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Project Leaders, they will then render a ruling. If the protest is deferred, all parties to the protest will be notified of the meeting time and place in advance. If the protest is sustained, the deposit will be returned; otherwise, the deposit will be forfeited to the Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Project fund. No checks. Cash or Money Orders only.
- v. Equine Drug use. Refer to the guidelines set forth by the California Department of Fairs and Expositions. No animal may be shown in any class at a 4-H show or event if it has been administered, in any manner, a forbidden substance. A forbidden substance is any stimulant, depressant or local anesthetic which might affect the performance of a horse (stimulants and depressants are defined as medications which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory or central nervous systems.) Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which by their very nature might mask or screen the presence of the aforementioned prohibited drugs, or prevent or delay testing procedures. The use of these drugs is considered physical abuse and will be enforced through the rules and requirements of this rulebook. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to declare (in written form) any veterinarian's prescribed medication to show/event management prior to the start of the event. The full use of modern therapeutic measures including *phenylbutazone* for the improvement and protection of the health of the horse is permitted, unless the treatment may also stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory or central nervous system. Drug fees may be charged at certain events. State

Monitors may be present and exhibitors are required to submit samples upon request.

- vi.** Show/Event management may, at its discretion, expel any person or persons abusing any horse on the grounds at any time and entry fees and premiums shall be forfeited. In any 4-H class, horses showing signs of undue stress or inhumane treatment shall be penalized. Any horse exhibited in a class that has evidence of abuse, a cut or abrasion showing clear evidence of fresh blood in the mouth, nose, chin shoulder, barrel, flank, or hip area, shall be considered to be ineligible to receive an award in that class. Judges and event management has the right to disqualify a member using excessive force or abusive tactics. Cruelty and abuse to animal(s) will not be tolerated in any fashion.
- vii.** A one-minute gate rule will be strictly enforced. Tack changes must be requested in advanced with show management.
- viii.** Only an animals' owner (a 4-H member) shall prepare his/her project animal when it is being exhibited at a county fair or 4-H show. If assistance is needed for safety or educational reasons by a 4-H member, it may be provided by another 4-H Horse Project member, a parent, or a 4-H Horse Project Leader. Another 4-H Horse Project member should be the first choice for assistance. If assistance is provided the 4-Horse Project member must be present at all times the assistance is given in order to benefit from the teaching and instruction. Parents or Trainers will not coach from the rail, ride, warm-up or handle any project horse in any way at a 4-H Horse Show. Parents are encouraged to assist youth without assuming control of the horse only to the extent needed for safety, taking into account ability of the individual youth. This does not preclude anyone from intervening when exhibitor safety is in question.
- ix.** Violation of these rules will result in the 4-H member forfeiting all show points, entry fees, and premiums for the current show. The 4-H member can continue to ride in the classes for which they had registered, but they will not be judged or placed in the class.

### **c. Attire and Equipment**

#### **i. English Performance**

##### **1. Attire –**

- a.** Either hunt seat or saddle seat attire, but no mixing of the two.
- b.** If the judge permits jackets to be removed in hot weather long sleeved shirts must be worn, sleeves down and fastened.
- c.** More elaborate clothes and/or equipment are permitted but not necessary. Fancy outfits will not be considered in the judges placing.
- d.** Suitability of tack and clothes, fit, and cleanliness will be considered.
- e.** Riders must wear coats, boots, and breeches.
- f.** Clean shirts with stock and pin or ratcatcher and choker are preferred.
- g.** Spurs of the unroweled type
- h.** Crops are optional, no long whips
- i.** Gloves are optional but preferred in the equitation class.
- j.** Properly worn ASTM/SEI approved headgear is required for all exhibitors in any and all events while mounted.

##### **2. Equipment -**

- a.** Regulation snaffle, pelham or kimberwick, is required

- b.** Plain leather headstalls with cavesson noseband bridles are required.
- c.** Breast plates are optional
- d.** Martingales, draw reins, hackamores, boots and bandages are all prohibited

**ii. Western Performance**

**1. Attire –**

- a.** Must wear western boots, dress or western long-sleeved shirt, western pants or jeans, belt.
- b.** Long sleeves must be worn, rolled down, and fastened when participating in any event. Short sleeves, sleeveless shirts, and T-shirts are prohibited.
- c.** Vest, jacket, or sweater is optional
- d.** Chaps are optional
- e.** Spurs are optional
- f.** More elaborate clothes and/or equipment are permitted but not necessary. Fancy outfits will not be considered in the judges placing.
- g.** Suitability of tack and clothes, fit, and cleanliness will be considered.
- h.** Properly worn ASTM/SEI approved headgear is required for all exhibitors in any and all events while mounted.

**2. Equipment –**

- a.** The judge or show official may disqualify any entry using equipment that they deem too severe, or request an alteration of such equipment.
- b.** Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit.
- c.** Tie downs, draw reins, mechanical hackamores and martingales are prohibited. Mechanical hackamores are any hackamore with metal under the jaw or metal used in a leverage action.
- d.** Suitable western headstalls must be used. One or two eared, or browband. A browband must be used with throat latch.
- e.** A curb bit must be used on horses six years old and older. It is optional on younger horses. The length of the shank is a maximum of 8.5 inches. The maximum height of the port is 3.5 inches.
- f.** Curb straps or chains must be flat and not less than ½ inch wide.
- g.** A snaffle bit (D-ring, O-ring, or egg butt) is permissible, provided the horse is five years old or younger.
- h.** A bosal is permissible, provided the horse is five years old or younger.
- i.** Reins may be split or romel.
- j.** Australian saddles are not acceptable
- k.** A breastcollar is optional
- l.** Protective boots and wraps are not permitted.

**iii. Gymkhana**

**1. Attire –**

- a.** Must wear western boots, dress or western long-sleeved shirt, western pants or jeans, belt.

- b. Long sleeves must be worn, rolled down, and fastened when participating in any event. Short sleeves, sleeveless shirts, and T-shirts are prohibited.
- c. Vest, jacket, or sweater is optional
- d. Chaps are optional
- e. Spurs are optional

2. Equipment –

- a. Western saddle and bridle
- b. A bosal or hackamore, tie down, martingale, skid, shin and bell boots permitted.
- c. Whips, quirts, and crops are prohibited.
- d. Curb straps or chains must be flat and not less than ½ inch wide.
- e. Spurs with movable rowels are permissible if used behind the cinch; not to be used in excess.

d. **Classes**

- i. Classes will follow those approved for the California State Fair Horse Show.
- ii. Show management must petition the Contra Costa County Fair Board to add or remove classes at the State Qualifying Horse Show.
- iii. Showmanship – Refer to Fair rules for attire requirements
- iv. Classes with less than 3 entries may be combined or canceled at show management's discretion.

e. **Class Descriptions** – *NOTE*: not all classes may be offered at every event.

- i. Hunt Seat Equitation (English Equitation): The emphasis of judging in an equitation class is on the rider's ability to show the animal through the aids of hands, seat, weight, and legs. Posture is important.
- ii. Hunters Under Saddle (English Pleasure): This is a pleasure class. The emphasis in judging is on the horse. The judge will be looking for a horse that exhibits good manners and gives a pleasurable ride.
- iii. Hunter Hack: Horses are required to jump two fences. Horse will be asked to walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. At the discretion of the judge, contestants may be asked to hand gallop. Class will be judged on flat work, manners, way of going, style over fences and even hunting pace. Faults over fences are to be judged as in working hunter.
- iv. Working Hunter Over Fences: A hunter course shall be a fair test of a hunter, with a minimum of 4 obstacles. Horse to jump a minimum of 8 fences. One change of direction mandatory. The class will be judged on manners, way of going and style of jumping. Horse shall be credited with maintaining an even hunting pace that covers the course with free-flowing strides. Preference will be shown to horses with correct jumping-style that meet fences squarely, jumping at the center of the fence.
- v. Western Equitation: The emphasis of judging in an equitation class is on the rider's ability to show the animal through the aids of hands, seat, weight, and legs. Posture is important.
- vi. Western Pleasure: The emphasis in judging is on the horse. The judge will be looking for a horse that exhibits good manners and gives a pleasurable ride.
- vii. Western Riding: One of four standard patterns will be used. Horse will be required to walk, jog, lope both ways of the ring. Western Riding is an event where the horse is judged on quality of gaits, lead changes at the lope, response to the rider, manners, and disposition. The horse should

perform with reasonable speed, and be sensible, well-mannered, free and easy moving. Credit shall be given for and emphasis placed on smoothness, even cadence of gaits, and the horse's ability to change leads precisely, easily, and simultaneously both hind and front at the center point between markers. The horse should have a relaxed head carriage showing response to the rider's hands, with a moderate flexion at the poll. Horses may be ridden with light contact or on a reasonably loose rein. The horse should cross the log both at the jog and the lope without breaking gait or radically changing stride.

- viii. Trail: This class is open to Western/Hunt style of riding. The attire/tack must be appropriate per style of riding. Course will consist of obstacles commonly found on the trail or during normal riding.
- ix. Gymkhana: Patterned speed events. Courses will be set according to the CGA rule book.
- x. Showmanship: The showmanship exhibitor is judged on his/her ability to fit, groom and show their animal from the ground. The animal is merely a prop to demonstrate the ability of the showman. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident, neatly attired exhibitor, leading a well groomed and conditioned horse. The animal can be shown in a hunter style bridle with a plain leather browband and a regular cavesson noseband, or a western style show halter. Equipment should be clean, properly adjusted, fitted, and suitable for breed standards.
- xi. Halter: Based on the conformation of the horse only. All safety rules to be followed. Direct touching of the horse with hands and feet are permitted.

f. **Divisions** – Divisions may be split by age, ability, or both at the show management's discretion and may or may not include classes for Beginners and Novices. Except Showmanship which will be First Step, First Year, and Advanced.

- i. English
- ii. Western
- iii. Gymkhana
- iv. Miniature Horse

g. **High Point Categories/Awards**

- i. Class awards must be offered at a minimum through six places. There is not a maximum limit.
- ii. The choice of premiums, prizes or awards (ribbons, buckles, trophies, etc.) to be presented is left to the discretion of show management.
- iii. Awards for First Step and First Year will be of noticeably less substance than awards for Advanced classes. This is to help motivate youth to progress.
- iv. Individual Ties. Tie breakers will be used.
  - 1. Skil-A-Thon: Oral tie breaker questions will be asked of each individual.
  - 2. Overall Awards
    - a. Number of blue ribbons
    - b. Advanced Showmanship class placing
    - c. Equitation class placing
    - d. Horsemanship class placing
    - e. Pleasure class placing

**v. High Point Awards**

1. Categories will be determined by show management. Based on participation and funds available. Must have at least three participants per division to be eligible for awards.

May include but are not limited to the following:

- a. English High Point
  - i. Senior
  - ii. Junior
  - iii. First Year
  - iv. Walk/Trot
- b. Western High Point
  - i. Senior
  - ii. Junior
  - iii. First Year
  - iv. Walk/Jog
- c. Gymkhana High Point
  - i. Senior
  - ii. Junior
  - iii. First Year
  - iv. Walk/Jog or Trot
- d. Overall High Point
  - i. Senior
  - ii. Junior
  - iii. First Year
  - iv. Walk/Jog or Trot
- e. Halter English High Point
  - i. Champion Mare
  - ii. Champion Gelding
- f. Skil-A-Thon High Point
  - i. Senior
  - ii. Junior
  - iii. First Year
- g. Horsemastership
  - i. English
    1. Senior
    2. Junior
    3. Walk/Trot
    4. First Year
  - ii. Western
    1. Senior
    2. Junior
    3. Walk/Jog
    4. First Year
  - iii. Gymkhana
    1. Senior
    2. Junior
    3. First Year

**h. Computation of Show Points**

- i. Show points are computed using a ten point maximum system. Exhibitors will receive points based on class participants. First place will be equal to the number of class entries, up to a maximum of ten points. Each place below first will in turn earn one less point. If a contestant disqualifies, they are still counted as a participant. If a contestant

receives No Placing from the judge no points will be awarded to that contestant.

ii. Showmanship points will only be counted towards one Division.

i. **Judge Professionalism and Attire** - Strong emphasis must be placed on the competence, objectivity, and professionalism of the judge(s) selected by show management. A judge's personal appearance must reflect the standard expected of exhibitors. Therefore, a judge is to be in proper English or Western attire. Judges must be reminded that they are to judge in accordance to the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book.

6. **ACCIDENT INSURANCE** -Accident insurance and liability waiver is carried on all 4-H Horse Project members once annual fee and enrollment forms have been handed in at the Extension Office. Claim forms and additional information are available in the 4-H Office. No participation in 4-H Horse Project activities is permitted until enrollment forms and fees are turned in. Only those currently enrolled as a member in a Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Project may handle, ride, or show a horse at a 4-H function or event.

7. **SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT** - Will be in accordance with the State 4-H Rules, Guidelines, Code of Conduct, and West Coast Horse Show Rule book.

8. **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Project has various scholarships available. Scholarships may be awarded determined by funds available or number of applicants.

9. **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 4-H ALL-AROUND HORSE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD –**

The All-Around Horse Achievement Award is the Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Project's most prestigious honor. The award reflects the horsemen's all around academic, riding, and participation pursuit. The top individual earning the most point for the year will be awarded the All-Around Horse Achievement Award. Points are awarded for each activity an individual enters according to the following groupings. Only 4-H Club Functions, Activities, and approved Horse Shows completed between September 1 and August 31, of the current project year, are eligible.

*Horse Project Leaders shall submit an Achievement Award Points Form for each 4-H horse project member completing their project by September 15 to the County Horse Resource Leader. Required form is included on page 17 of this rule book.*

**Point System for the All-Around Horse Achievement Award**

**Club Functions: (100 pts MAX)**

1. Meetings	2 per meeting
2. Record Book – Club Level Completed	5
3. Club Functions	1 per function
4. Club Officer	10
5. Community Service	2 per activity
6. Horse Project Teen Leader	5

**Horse Shows: (100 pts MAX)**

1. County Fair	1 per class
2. State Fair	1 per class
3. High Point	
County Fair	CH 3 R 2
State Fair	CH 4 R 3
4. Hosemastership	CH 4 R 3
5. Skil-A-Thon	CH 2 R 1

**Other 4-H Activities: (100 pts MAX)**

1. County Speech or Demo	10
2. State Speech or Demo	15
3. County Events	1 per event

7. Participation* 2 per show
*(horseless horse project members only)

4. Record Book – County Level

Medalist	20
Blue	15
Red	10
White	5

**10. HORSELESS HORSE PROJECT:** Offers the opportunity to study and learn about the horse to members that do not own or lease a horse. May not be available in all clubs.

Objectives:

- 1) Encourage participation from non-horse owning 4-H members.
- 2) Gain knowledge of major breeds, colors, gaits, nutrition, and safety.
- 3) Enhance appreciation for the value of the horse and give understanding of care requirements.
- 4) Develop sportsmanship, responsibility, cooperation, decision making skills and public speaking.

Requirements:

- 1) Must be enrolled in the Horse project to participate.
- 2) Must keep regular 4-H project records for your Horseless Horse project activities.

Eligibility:

- 1) Only those members who do not own or lease a horse are eligible. If the member's family owns or leases a horse they are not eligible for the Horseless Horse project.

County Fair:

- 1) May enter an exhibit. Exhibits may include posters, displays, photographs, models, scrapbooks, essay and/or other articles. Exhibits should show or explain something the member has made, done or learned in the project.
- 2) May enter First Step showmanship using a horse borrowed from a member in their club's Horse project.
- 3) Can only enter First Step showmanship once.
- 4) May continue in the Horseless Horse project as long as they are eligible.

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT RULEBOOK CHANGE REQUEST**

Change requested by: UC Regents 01/013/09 – Pages 3, 6, 23

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

*Important: No changes will be considered unless the above information is provided.*

What is the change?

(Please be explicit. Give exact wording if you are requesting an addition. Cite Section and rule if possible. Attach additional pages if needed.)

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Why should it be changed?

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When should the changes become effective?

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Who is affected by the change?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Send the change request to the Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Project Resource Leader.

Contra Costa County All-Around Horse Achievement Award \_\_\_\_\_  
(year)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Club Functions</b>	Maximum 100 pts	<b>Pts / Event</b>	<b>Points</b>
Club Officer		10	
Club Community Meetings		2 per meeting	
Horse Project Meetings		2 per meeting	
Horse Project Teen or Jr Ldr		5	
Record Book	County Qualifier	5	
Club Activities	Socials, Demos, etc	1 per activity	
Community Service	1 hour minimum	1 per activity	
		<b>Total Points</b>	

<b>Other 4-H Horse Activities</b>	Maximum 100 pts	<b>Pts / Event</b>	<b>Points</b>
County Speech or Demo		10	
State Speech or Demo		15	
County Events		1 per event	
Record Book – County Level	Medalist	20	
	Blue	15	
	Red	10	
	White	5	
		<b>Total Points</b>	

**Horse Show Points** (Completed by County Horse Resource Leader using Official Fair results)

<b>Horse Shows</b>	Maximum 100 pts	<b>Pts / Event</b>	<b>Points</b>
County Fair		1 per class	
State Fair		1 per class	
High Point	County Fair	CH 3 R 2	
	State Fair	CH 4 R 3	
Horsemastership		CH 4 R 3	
Skil-A-Thon		CH 2 R 1	
		<b>Total Points</b>	

**Club Horse Project Leader Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**COMPLETE  
THE  
FOLLOWING  
FORMS  
AND  
RETURN  
TO  
YOUR  
PROJECT  
LEADER**

**RETURN ONLY THE SIGNED FORMS  
KEEP THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 4-H  
HORSE PROJECT RULEBOOK FOR YOUR RECORDS**



## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 4-H HORSE RULEBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please fill out this form completely and tear it out and return it to your club Horse Project Leader. **Keep the Rulebook for future reference.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read the Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Project Rulebook and understand that I am accountable for the Rules and Regulations in the Rulebook.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Horse Project Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club Horse Project Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**HORSE – ACCIDENT INSURANCE, LIABILITY WAIVER  
AND PERMISSION TO TREAT**

The following form must be completed and signed by the owner of the horse(s) and/or parent of the 4-H member.

As a participant in events conducted by the Contra Costa County 4-H Horse project, I understand and agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct as outlined for “Fair” and other county sponsored events. I also understand that attending horse related events involves being on or near large animals that can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable for myself and animals attending.

I also understand and agree that every effort will be made to contact me or my assigned agent should any medical attention be required for my horse(s). However, in the event that emergency medical treatment is necessary, I hereby authorize the Contra Costa County 4-H Horse Resource Leader, permission to obtain medical treatment for the following horse(s). I also agree that all costs will be my sole responsibility.

In addition, I understand as a 4-H Member, I am covered by injury and illness insurance that is renewed annually with membership along with signing the required UC/4-H Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement for protection.

It is the horse owners choice to purchase livestock insurance from the agency of choice.

I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in California 4-H Youth Development Activities and Projects.

Signature(s) below constitute acceptance of the above terms and conditions.

I have read and understand the Horse – Accident insurance, Liability waiver, and Permission to Treat.

Horse(s) attending event(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Rider/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/ Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Horse Owner (if different)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian of Record

\_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian Phone Number(s)

Please list any medical problems the horse(s) may have that may assist event management and the attending veterinarian in the event of an emergency. (Information will be kept confidential)







**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 4-H  
HORSE IDENTIFICATION FORM  
YEAR \_\_\_\_\_**

A form for each horse must be on file in the 4-H Office at least 120 days prior to any 4-H horse event. Any member without a form on file at least 120 days prior to an event may not participate in that event. The horse must be owned or leased by the 4-H member and must be solely under the direct care of the 4-H member for the 120 days prior to the event.

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Project Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Height in inches at the withers \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Color Markings \_\_\_\_\_  
Distinguishing Features \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR LEASED HORSE**

For the period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
It is understood that a horse registered for 4-H cannot be used by a person other than the 4-H member or an immediate member of the 4-H'ers family during this period. A horse may be used by more than one 4-H member of the same family; each family member must complete a separate horse identification form.

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Parent's Signature

Leader's Signature

**ATTACH A COLOR PHOTO HERE**

*A clear picture of a side view of the horse or some permanent identification*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Check here if Photo is already on file from previous year**

**New form must be filed out annually.**

**Use one form per horse.**